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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EMIGRATION HUNGER STRIKE PROTEST

REF: BUCHAREST 2491

1. GALDAU STATES THAT ELEVEN ORIGINAL DEMONSTRATORS CEASED HUNGER STRIKE FRIDAY AFTER APPEARING OUTSIDE SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WHERE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON TRADE AGREEMENT WERE HELD. THEY ARE INTERESTED IN ROMANIAN OFFER AND WILL PURSUE ON MONDAY. HOWEVER, GALDAU CLAIMS THAT THEY WILL WANT SOME SATISFACTION ON OTHER APPROXIMATELY 200 RELATIVES OF OTHER PERSONS ON GALDAU'S LIST.

2. ALTHOUGH ORIGINAL ELEVEN HUNGER STRIKERS HAVE STOPPED THEIR ACTIVITY, SIX OTHER PERSONS BEGAN HUNGER STRIKE IN NEW YORK ON SATURDAY AND ARE CONTINUING.

3. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THUS FAR THAT ROMANIAN EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ANY INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS MATTER. TRENCHER WAS RECEIVED COOLY BY EMBASSY YESTERDAY.. TRENCHER WAS NOT
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AWARE OF THIS PROPOSAL AND EMBASSY MADE NO MENTION OF IT.

4. WHILE WE HAVE CONVEYED THIS PROPOSAL TO GALDAU, WE DO NOT WISH TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN GALDAU AND EMBASSY. CHARGE IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF FOREGOING

5. COMMENT. IT SEEMS DOUBTFUL THAT ARRANGEMENT CAN BE MADE QUICKLY ON BASIS WHICH WILL STOP ALL PERSONS FROM DEMONSTRATING BY HUNGER STRIKE OR OTHER MEANS. GALDAU COMMENTED THAT ROMANIAN OFFER AMOUNTED TO QUOTE OPEN INVITATION TO OTHERS TO CONDUCT HUNGER STRIKE UNQUOTE. IN CASE OF ORIGINAL HUNGER STRIKERS, GALDAU CLAIMS THAT HE DID NOT SANCTION OR ENCOURAGE DEMONSTRATORS. THERE IS NO TIGHT ORGANIZATION OF PERSONS ON GALDAU'S LIST AND GALDAU APPARENTLY CANNOT PREVENT OTHERS FROM BEGINNING HUNGER STRIKE OR OTHER DEMONSTRATIVE ACTIVITIES IF THEY PERCEIVE IT AS EFFECTIVE MEANS OF ACHIEVING THEIR PURPOSE/.
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